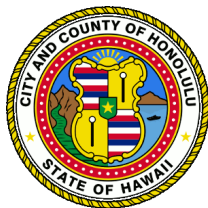


# Neighborhood Commission Office



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JANUARY-MARCH 2017

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2017 NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ELECTION

## CANDIDACY DECLARATION FORM

File Candidacy Form as follows:  
**Submit to:** Neighborhood Commission Office  
 Kapalama Hale: 925 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 160, Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
**Mail Closing:** Postmarked by February 17, 2017 and received at the Neighborhood Commission Office by February 24, 2017, 4:30 p.m.  
**Walk-In Closing:** Friday, February 17, 2017, 4:30 p.m.  
**Apply online instead of submitting this form at:** [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco)

**SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION. PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK INK. DO NOT USE PENCIL.**  
 Failure to print clearly or complete all items may delay or invalidate this form.

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3. MY RESIDENCE ON OAHU IS (House Number and Street Name)		Apt. #	City or Town
4. IF NO STREET ADDRESS, DESCRIBE LOCATION OF RESIDENCE (i.e., lot number, camp, village)		Zip	
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## Message from the Executive Secretary



Aloha,

2017 has arrived and the Neighborhood Commission Office would like to wish you Happy Holidays! 2017 also marks another Neighborhood Board election year and we encourage you to apply as a candidate for the upcoming cycle. Candidate registration is now open through February 17, 2017. Please visit the NCO website to register as a candidate or pick up a candidate registration form in person at our new location in Kapalama Hale.

We look forward to growing with you and your community in this exciting new year.

Shawn Hamamoto,  
Executive Secretary

The 2017 Neighborhood Board elections have begun! Candidate and voter registration forms can be completed online at [www2.honolulu.gov/nbe](http://www2.honolulu.gov/nbe) or physical forms can be obtained at the new NCO office at Kapalama Hale Suite 160, the Department of Customer Services Public Information Center at 550 South King Street #102, at a local satellite city hall (Ala Moana, Kapolei, Fort Street, Pearlridge, Hawaii Kai, Wa-hiawa, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Waianae, Windward, or Kapalama), or at your upcoming local neighborhood board meeting. The registration deadline is February 17, 2017.

Anyone who voted in the 2016 primary or general election is automatically eligible to vote in the 2017 Neighborhood Board elections. Other residents, who will be at least 18 years of age by Febru-

ary 17, 2017, may register to vote in the Neighborhood Board elections by submitting a neighborhood board voter registration form.

The mission of the Neighborhood Board System is to increase and assure effective citizen participation in the decisions of government. O'ahu's Neighborhood Board System is the only government sponsored civic engagement system in the State of Hawaii.

More information about the election and neighborhood boards can be found on the NCO website at [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco). Residents are encouraged find out what neighborhood board serves their area by searching the street index posted on [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco) or by calling 768-3710.

# Neighborhood Board News

## New Year, New Plan

At its regular meeting on September 26, 2016 the Neighborhood Commission voted to approve 14 amendments to the Neighborhood Plan. The amendments proposed to the Neighborhood Commission were finalized after soliciting input from current neighborhood members and at meetings held by the Neighborhood Plan Committee as well as two public hearings held in September 2016.

Of the 14 amendments, two apply to the Neighborhood Commission and 12 apply to sections of the Neighborhood Plan affecting neighborhood boards and the neighborhood board election process. After the Neighborhood Commission adopted the amendments via resolution the amendments were reviewed by Corporation Counsel, approved by Mayor Caldwell, filed with the city clerk, and became effective on December 17, 2016.

To view the new amendments to the Neighborhood Plan, visit [http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/nco/nco\\_docs/2016-12\\_Adopted\\_Amendments.pdf](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/nco/nco_docs/2016-12_Adopted_Amendments.pdf). The link is also available on the NCO homepage at [www.honolulu.gov/nco](http://www.honolulu.gov/nco).

Changes added in the Neighborhood Plan are underlined.

Board members should note, in particular, the following amendments:

§2-13-105 Conflicts of interest. (a) No board member shall:

- (3) Engage in any business transaction or activity, or have a financial interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of a member's official duties or which may tend to impair the independence of judgment in the performance of the member's official duties. When a condition exists which qualifies under this section, the member shall recuse themselves from any discussion or voting relating to the particular issue. [Eff 12/17/16; am 10/20/08] (Auth: RCH §14-103(a)) (Imp: RCH §14-104)

§2-13-107 Representative capacity of board members. (a) Each member of a board shall represent the entire district and act responsibly to fulfill the board's democratic and advisory duty. Members shall authorize the Commission Office to publicly post online one form of personal contact information such as but not limited to a phone number, mailing address, email, or fax number.

[Eff 12/17/16; am 10/20/08] (Auth: RCH §14-103(a)) (Imp: RCH §14-104)

§2-14-111 Meeting notice and agenda. (a) A board shall give written public notice of any and all regular, special, committee, or anticipated executive meetings. The notice shall state the day, date, time, and place of the meeting, and include an agenda which lists all of the items to be considered. In the case of an anticipated executive meeting, the purpose shall be stated on the agenda.

[Eff 12/17/16; am 4/19/15; am 10/20/08; am 2/5/11] (Auth: RCH §14-103(a)) (Imp: RCH §14-104)

§2-14-124 Committees.

(c) [The manner of committee conduct and decision making, whether by consensus, voting, or some other means, may be established by the board or the specific committee.] The board chair shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of all committees unless otherwise directed by the board.

[Eff 12/17/16; am 4/19/15; am 10/20/08; am 2/5/11] (Auth: RCH §14-103(a)) (Imp: RCH §14-104)



## Neighborhood Board Rules and Procedures Quiz

How well do you know the Neighborhood Plan, Sunshine Law, and Robert's Rules of Order?

<http://www2.honolulu.gov/cchsurvey/>

Take the quiz to see if you can score 100%!

## NCO Spotlight – Sharon Baillie, Neighborhood Assistant

**What did you do for work before joining the NCO?**

I was a community desk coordinator at Hale Aloha Lokelani for my freshmen year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I worked for the Women's Program at US Vets for 6 months in 2014 and I have worked at Macy's since June 2008 currently part time and in the past full time.

**What led you to the NCO?**

A co-worker at Macy's informed me about the opportunity and sent me a job description. It sounded like a great fit to garner experience in what I would like to do in the future regarding social work. I've learned so much more about the people and the island of Oahu that I never knew before.

**What do you enjoy most about the work that you do?**

I want to make a difference in the community and with the NCO I get a chance to hear concerns from board members and community members about every day issues. I help bridge the gap and allow for positive discussion. Receiving a phone call or hearing about an issue and seeing it get resolved makes me feel good that I in some way was part of the process to ensure a safer more cohesive community. Every board I have had the opportunity to serve has presented their own unique issues and situations. I enjoy hearing all of the great things that are taking place across the various neighborhoods but I also appreciate the ability to become more informed on the wide range of issues that affect the many residents of Oahu.

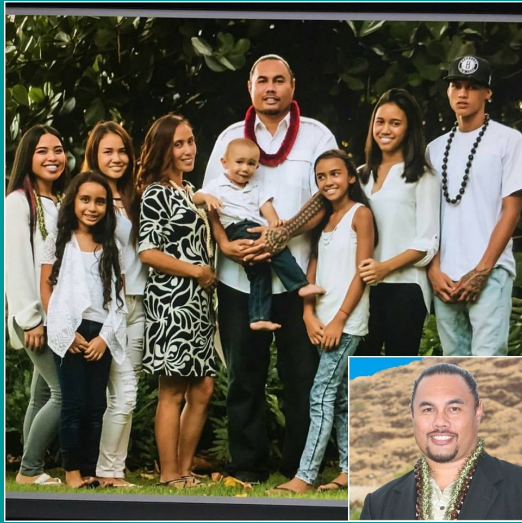
**Tell us about yourself growing up. Where were you born, what schools did you go to, what did you study in college?**

I was born in Newport Beach, California and lived in Surf City U.S.A, Huntington Beach, California. I attended Huntington Beach High School - where I was a 4 year Varsity letter winner in both water polo and swimming, Orange Coast College (OCC), and University of Hawaii at Manoa. I came out to UHM for my 2007-2008 freshmen school year then I returned home and attended OCC from 2008-2011 where I obtained my AA degree. I came back out to UHM from 2011-2013 and received my BA in Sociology. My family has history in Hawaii so living here felt like the perfect fit. My mother worked as a nurse at Queen's Medical Center in the late 70s and early 80s and my grandmother was a Navy Nurse stationed at the Naval Hospital at Pearl Harbor in 1942. I have relatives living on the neighbor island and my parents and my sister were married at Fern Grotto, Kauai. Family means everything to me and this island, this state, holds a special place in my heart.

**Tell us something about yourself that not many people would be able to guess?**

I love Mexican food, and you can always find a bottle of chili lime flavored Cholula at my desk and at home to add flavor to any food. I also have dozens of pictures of rainbows. Whenever I am out and about and see a rainbow I take a picture and send it to my parents to let them know that I am thinking of them. Also, I am left handed. That makes me pretty rare in the world.

## Board Member Spotlight – Chair Marcus Pa’aluhi Waianae NB



**You have been a part of the Waianae Neighborhood Board for a little over a year now. What do you enjoy most about the work the Board does?**

What I enjoy most about the work we're able to do is how the Neighborhood Board System gives the board the ability to vet the concerns our community members bring to our board meetings and either help resolve it or direct them to the right people or organizations that can get something done. Either way, being in a position to help those in need is truly a blessing to me.

**Do you have any special memories or issues from this past year ?**

To be honest there were so many, but I think the memory that stands out most to me was when students from Nanakuli High School's "A'ali'i Program" attended our board meeting to present a water preservation and restoration resolution. Myself along with board members Ken Koike and Kellen Smith had encouraged them to draft the resolutions during a panel discussion that they had hosted in their class about water. The students far exceeded our expectations and that resolution will be presented in the Senate.

**What brought you to the neighborhood board?**

One day as I was praying I felt prompted to submit my name and profile for the neighborhood board. I continue to pray for improvements and change regarding issues that have been plaguing the Wai'anae community and our State for years.

**Where were you raised and where did you go to school?**

I was raised on Oahu, with much of my childhood residing and attending school in Waipahu while at my father's. I also spent a lot of time with my mother at Waipio Valley (Hawaii Island). Growing up, I spent much of my weekends and school breaks on the Wai'anae Coast with family and always considered Wai'anae my home. Fortunately I was blessed to have been given an opportunity to move to Waianae in the late 90s and start my ohana.

**What do you enjoy to do when you are not dealing with board business? What do you for work?**

I enjoy helping out in my community through organizing cleanups and various service projects. I especially enjoy spending time towards helping start donation drives and trash services for Pu'u'honua O Wai'anae. My absolute most favorite thing to do is spending time with my wife, 7 keiki, and 2 mo'opuna (grandchildren) at any of the beautiful beaches or parks on the Wai'anae coast.

**Every board chair has a unique way of running their boards. How would you describe your leadership style? To what do you attribute this?**

"Ho'olohe Pono". I believe that we learn most while listening. In my case whether it be listening to our guests, our community members, or my fellow board members, I'm constantly soaking up information. I believe this is what most people appreciate when they have a concern. Someone who will avail themselves and take a genuine interest in what is being said. I accredit this to my mother who always took interest in what I had to say. For the most part though, I consider myself spirit-led and give Ke Akua all the glory. I especially thank Him for using me to bless my community and giving me such awesome board members to work with.



# Neighborhood Commission Spotlight: Vice Chair Bob Finley



## What initially got you involved with the neighborhood boards? How would you characterize your current leadership style?

Some friends told me about it and I attended a few meetings. When it comes to board leadership I believe managing time, putting interesting things on the agenda and allowing everyone to participate is important. I also continue to attempt to find young community members to serve on the board but due to employment and school requirements it has proved difficult to find people who are able to dedicate the necessary time.

## What has your professional career been like and what led you to where you are today?

I moved here in 1961 and graduated from Roosevelt High School. I would later attend the University of Hawaii but left to join the Hawaii Air National Guard. I worked for the family business, which was a car rental agency, went to basic training and returned to work for Hawaii Air National Guard full time and part time at the old Halekulani Hotel. My Air Guard career involved support after the two hurricanes, prison guard duty and travel all over the Pacific. My primary logistics job included arranging airlift, sealift, convoys, weapons, and bare base (putting an Air Force presence on foreign soil with no standard buildings etc.) I really enjoyed loading airplanes like the C5, C17, C130, C7 and even the occasional 747. Currently I am retired.

## Being on the Neighborhood Commission you have had to see many different issues that the neighborhood boards deal with, what is one issue that has stood out to you?

The board system has changed from the 1970s. It was much easier going than today where even simple problems often require more reliance on Robert Rules of Order and the Sunshine Law. Many boards tend to leave common sense solutions as the last resort. This is not to say they don't take the public interest as priority one but often there are long standing personal issues that rear an ugly head at meetings. We are also in a time when we see our residents and board members involved in many causes and emotions tend to run high when dealing with developments, rail and other hot topics.

## How do you feel the Neighborhood Board system could be improved?

For the past several years I have chaired the Neighborhood Plan Committee and addressed every issue our boards have had concerns with. Primary issues usually are identified by our Neighborhood Assistants who sometimes find the neighborhood plan lacking the adequate answers for concerns at the board meetings. With the Neighborhood Commission Office we have also improved the Neighborhood Guide. I feel with the support of the boards the current revised Neighborhood Plan is properly written to provide the boards support and guidance without being overbearing on the chairs and members. I cannot leave out the great support from the City Corporation Counsel during the plan revision process. Keeping us in good legal standing is a major objective for the Commission.

## What do you enjoy doing when you are not working or serving the community?

I enjoy traveling, NASCAR, and condo support. The Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9 also requires that I attend multiple association and City meetings each month so I attend those as well.

# Red Hill Fuel Tank Tour



Photos and article submitted By Sharon Baillie.

On Friday, November 18, 2016 I joined two of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board No. 21 members, Mitsuko Hayakawa and Blake Yokotake, along with other community stakeholders for an opportunity to tour the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility to see some of their day to day operations.

The community hears a lot about Red Hill in regards to its history and the purpose for such a facility, but nothing quite prepares you for the physical experience until you see how expansive the facility is. Red Hill was built back in the 1940s and many of the people who had a hand in building the facilities are local residents that are still alive today. Years of laborious work took place to build the entire Red Hill fuel tank facility that currently plays a vital role for providing fuel to the entirety of America's military forces in Hawaii, which in turn helps to maintain stability and security within the Pacific region. A fuel release from Tank 5 in January 2014 led to the necessity for a wide-ranging plan with partnerships from the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH), The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the United States Navy (USN), and the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) to address potential fuel releases

and implement infrastructure improvements to protect human health, drinking water and the natural resources and environment of Hawaii. The USN and DLA have constantly stated their commitment to fostering a transparent and collaborative dialogue with varying agencies and residences to ensure that the drinking water is kept safe.

The tour was made possible by Kathy Isobe of the Commander Navy Hawaii Region Public Affairs Office and Victor Flint with the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC). United States Navy Rear Admiral John Fuller along with other military personal and Defense Logistics Agency employees were gracious enough to guide us on a complete tour of the facilities. We toured the main operations room at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam which showed how the fuel facility is operated, monitored and secured 24 hours a day, seven day a week. A unique feature of the facility is that it is built underground and safe from potential outside threats. After the tour of the inner facilities we were then driven up to Red Hill where we walked along a vast corridor that led to the different fuel tanks. While walking along a catwalk along the inside of one of the empty fuel tanks, we were given a run-

down of how the fuel tank was built, what the fuel tank was built from, and the magnitude of what is done to monitor and check on the tanks to ensure the safety and functionality of the fueling operations. There are 20 fuel tanks that stand 250 feet in height and 100 feet in diameter. At full capacity a single tank can hold a maximum of up to 12.5 million gallons in fuel. Due to the downhill flow of the pipelines to Pearl Harbor, the facility can be operationally run without electricity.

It is amazing to realize that 75 years ago the military and the people of Oahu had the ingenuity to build a capable and vital facility that plays an important role in the overall protection of the United States of America. The tour exemplified how improvements are being made and that the Navy and the DLA are taking full responsibility and appropriate action in making sure that all necessary operations (such as water testing) are done with integrity.

I highly suggest that anyone given the opportunity should take the time to tour the Red Hill Underground Fuel Storage Facility. There are many views and many concerns regarding the recent fuel leaks and the tour will help anyone with questions attain a better understanding of how the system operates.

# Welcoming 2017!

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

<b>NOW!</b>	Neighborhood Board Voter Registration and Candidate Declaration forms available online and in physical form at the NCO.
<b>Friday, February 17, 2017</b>	Close of Candidate and Voter Registration.
<b>Monday, February 27, 2017</b>	Candidate withdrawal deadline.
<b>Friday, April 28, 2017</b>	Voting Period begins. Any Oahu resident 18 years and older on this date can vote, including military personnel, military family members, and legal resident aliens.
<b>Friday, May 19, 2017</b>	The voting period ends. Results of the vote will be released by June 1, 2017.

### NCO Trivia

**The Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board originally covered the entire Waianae Coast. What year was the Nanakuli-Maile Neighborhood Board No. 36 officially created?**

Send your answer to: [nco@honolulu.gov](mailto:nco@honolulu.gov) Subject line: NCO Trivia

The first person to send in the correct answer will receive a mystery prize!

### New Home!



#### Kapalama Hale

We at the Neighborhood Commission celebrated the Holiday Season in our new office at Kapalama Hale. Now you can find your friendly NCO at 925 Dillingham Boulevard, Suite 160.

### Rail Tour



#### Rail Operating Center

The NCO staff were recently given a tour of the Rail Operating Center (ROC) in Pearl City. On the tour staff were able to see the different facilities of the ROC that will be integral to the functioning and maintenance of the rail transit system.



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"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

-Mayor Kirk Caldwell  
@MayorKirkHNL

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